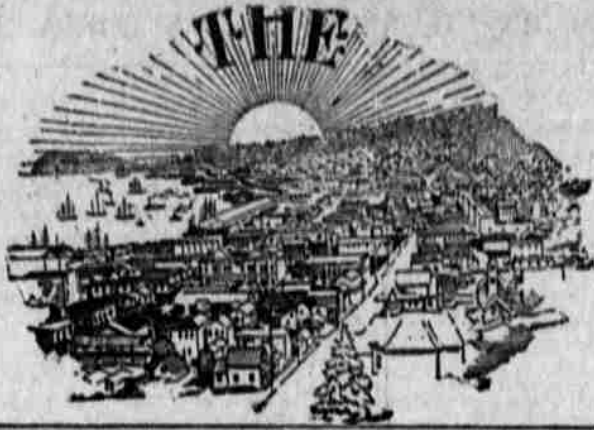


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HILL IS NOW IN CONTROL

took Possession of A. & C. Yesterday.

D OFFICERS RESIGN

Lines Now Have Water Grade From Pasco to the Ocean.

NEW MEN AT THE HELM

New Line To Be Treated As A Part Of The Portland and Seattle Railroad—C. M. Levey Is President Of Both Roads.

Special to Astorian.

PORTLAND, Apr. 1.—J. J. Hill formally took possession of the Astoria and Columbia River R. R., today, after the directors who managed the property under the Hammond regime resigned and the Northern Pacific and Great Northern officials were elected to succeed them. President Levey announced that the newly acquired property would be managed as an integral part of the new Portland and Seattle Railway system. It will give the Hill interests a water grade route from Pasco to the sea. C. M. Levey, President of the Portland and Seattle Railway was chosen president to succeed Hammond whose resignation was accepted. G. W. Talbot, vice-president and General Manager, also retired from the service of the road. His duties will be attended to by President Levey and Superintendent John McGuire, who is to retain his present position. G. M. McLeod, Secretary, retired. Judge L. C. Gillman, of Seattle, attorney for the Hill interests, becomes vice President and C. F. Martin of Tacoma was elected Secretary and Treasurer. A meeting was held this afternoon at the Portland Hotel. The old directors of the road held a short session accepting their own resignations and electing the list of new directors already decided upon. The new directors then held a meeting and elected the Hill officers. The new directors are C. M. Levey and M. P. Martin, Tacoma. L. C. Gillman, Seattle. A. D. Charlton and William Harver, Portland. John McGuire and F. L. Kuetner, Astoria.

Auditor Kuetner, will remain in control of the accounting department and will also have charge of the accounts of the Columbia River and Northern and the regular line of steamers and both Hill transportation lines. His office will be in Portland.

CUBANS ARE ANXIOUS.

Secretary Taft's Arrival of Great Moment to Finance and Politics.

HAVANA, April 1.—Secretary of War Taft's arrival here is awaited with keen anxiety by politicians and government officials. Financial and political interests generally, demand something definite regarding the policy of the United States. English interests, particularly the railroad companies, are also anxious to know precisely what the Washington government is to do.

STRIKE IN NEW YORK.

to Quit Work, Demand Wages the Cause.

April 1.—A conference of five members of the Painters Society

and the Brotherhood of Painters, which was appointed to take charge of the strike of the two unions this week for the new wage scale, has notified the locals of the unions in all five departments of the city to withdraw their men today from all buildings where the union scale is not paid.

Secretary George Finger of the Brotherhood of Painters, estimates that about 10,000 painters will be out to day on hundreds of buildings and in shipyards. The demands are for an increase of wages of 50 cents a day.

KAISER AIDS SUFFERERS.

BERLIN, April 1.—According to the Berliner Zeitung, the Kaiser has only just received an acknowledgment of a check he sent to aid the sufferers by the dynamite explosion at Witten, four months ago. Investigation which he caused to be instituted showed that during the four months the money had passed from one to another and had only just reached the sufferers.

BUENOS AYRES GRAIN EXPORTS.

BUENOS AYRES, April 1.—Statistics compiled by the Ministry of Agriculture gives the total value of wheat and linseed exports in 1906 as \$150,000,000 as against \$164,000,000 in 1905. Wheat exports in 1906 amounted to 2,355,718 tons; maize, 32,500,276; linseed 523,333, and flour, 121,161.

TYPHOID FACTORY

Woman Immune Herself Transmits Germs to Others.

STRANGEST CASE ON RECORD

New York Doctors Puzzled by Woman Who in Past Six Years Inoculated More Than 25 People With Deadly Fever Germs.

NEW YORK, April 1.—A puzzling case is under observation in the Reception hospital in this city. The patient is a woman cook, apparently in perfect health, but who is detained because she is suspected of communicating typhoid to about 25 persons within the past six years. According to Dr. Walter Benzel, the sanitary superintendent of Manhattan, the woman is literally a living typhoid factory. She herself was stricken with the disease about six years ago. It ran the usual course and she recovered. Now it is found that in all the time since she was declared cured of typhoid fever she kept on nurturing and developing typhoid germs. Though herself immune, the germs which she has been developing have been a constant source of danger and contagion to all with whom she has come in contact.

"The Lord only knows what we can do with the woman," said Dr. Benzel. "We will keep her under observation and will certainly employ every means known to science to locate and destroy the culture group of germs which is in her system."

Suspicion was attracted to the woman as typhoid invariably appeared in families where she was employed and when she was taken to the hospital the suspicion was confirmed through culture tests.

SNEEZING CAUSES BLINDNESS.

New Jersey Woman Totally Blind From Violent Sneezing.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Mrs. Joseph Jack, wife of a prominent resident of Trenton, N. J., is blind with little prospect of ever regaining her sight, as the result of a violent attack of sneezing which she had a few evenings ago, during which she suffered a few evenings. Specialists who are treating Mrs. Jack believe that the violence of her sneezing caused a hemorrhage of the blood vessel.

APPEALS TO HIGHER COURT

Applies for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

TOO CLOSELY GUARDED

Claims He is Being Punished and Humiliated Before His Trial.

VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTION

T. V. Halsey To Start From Manila April 9—Secretary of Board of Supervisors Removed By That Body—Halsey Springs Sensation.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—On the eve of his trial, on the charge of extorting \$25,000 from the French restaurant keepers of this city, which is to begin tomorrow before Judge Dunne, Abe Ruef, today asked the Supreme Court to free him from the custody of Elmer Bigley and order him into the charge of the Sheriff whom Judge Dunne disqualified on ground of personal interest. Ruef through his attorneys has filed in the higher court. An application for a writ of habeas corpus so extensive in allegations, arguments and citations of authorities that it occupies twenty one typewritten pages and that it embraces sixty-two subdivisions. Ruef sets up that his detention by the Elmer is illegal; that his case had been in court four months prior to March 4 and on that date being indisposed, he decided to visit Trocadero, believing on advice of his counsel that his presence in court would not be required because of his appeal to the Federal Supreme Court on the writ of error granted by Judge Hebbard. Ruef recounts his arrest and his refusal of bail at the hands of Judge Dunne, who with Rudolph Spreckles, and Heney, are his enemies. Ruef declares his imprisonment amounts to practically solitary confinement; that he is guarded night and day by guards employed by Spreckles, Heney and Burns.

That he cannot consult his lawyers without being overheard, unless he talks in whispers; that he is not allowed to talk with his witnesses and that he is being punished, imprisoned and humiliated before the trial. All these acts he declares to be unconstitutional and violative of the fifth and eighth amendments to the Constitution. The supreme court took no action upon the application today, not even issuing an alternative writ.

Edwin T. Earl, owner of the Los Angeles Evening Express and Dr. J. R. Haynes, president of the Civil Service Commission of Los Angeles were among those who presented themselves for examination before the Grand Jury today.

Dr. Haynes was excused by Heney who said he was satisfied Hanes knew nothing of the affair under investigation. Earl was examined by the Jury, and after he was through he asked Heney if it were not true that Heney had told him more about the affairs of the Home Company than he knew, when he came into the room. Heney replied that it was true.

Heney also stated he was satisfied that Earl knew nothing of the affairs he had been questioned about. Earl then asked if Heney would so state to press, to which Heney replied "I will, Sir with pleasure."

The trial of Abe Ruef, on extortion charges, unless the program is changed at the last moment will actually

begin tomorrow before Judge Dunne. It is estimated by the Counsel that from ten to twelve days will be required to get a jury.

Special agent Burns today announced receipt of cablegram from Manila, stating that T. V. Halsey, indicted on charges of bribery of the Supervisors on the behalf of the Pacific States Telephone Company will start for San Francisco on April 9.

Heney started a sensation among the newspaper men immediately after today's Grand Jury session by remarking that he had in his possession "One of the notebooks of Halsey's former stenographer and a typewritten transcript of its contents." He would not discuss the matters that is contained or give any information as to their importance.

The board of supervisors today removed its secretary Senator George B. Keane, a Ruef appointee. Supervisor Gallagher offered the resolution dropping Keane.

FRENCH IN ALGERIA.

Changes in French Army Corps in Oudja Region.

LALLAMARINA, Algeria, April 1.—In view of the satisfactory condition prevailing in the Oudja Region General Liautey, commander of the French column of occupation has decided to turn over the command of Oudja to General Delaunay and return to his regular duty at Oran.

SALTPETER SQUAD

National Food Commission to Determine Its Effect.

THE PACKERS MADE REQUEST

A Squad of Ten Men Will Eat Meat Cured With Saltpeter For Six Months Under Observation of Board of Physicians.

CHICAGO, April 1.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Urbana, Ill., says: "It is the plan of the commission to make the most elaborate test the effect of the salt-peter contents of cured meat upon the health, said President James of the University of Illinois yesterday, in discussing the work of the national food commission.

"The work," he added, "is undertaken at the solicitation of the packers themselves, who have long wanted to know whether or not salt-peter when consumed in small quantities, is injurious.

The work will be carried on at the University of Illinois under the direct supervision of Professor Grinnell of the University. A squad of 20 men will be housed at a club under the most favorable conditions possible. Half of the men will be fed meat cured in the ordinary way and the others exactly the same diet except that the meats will not contain any saltpeter. A doctor will examine the men daily, and their weight and physical condition will be carefully noted. The investigations will extend over six months and the results will be accurate in every particular.

"The men composing the commission are the most noted in the country. They will direct the work and their presence on the commission insures that the results attained will be final. The work is of great importance. Owing to the immense amount of cured meats consumed in the country it is imperative that the people know of the injurious or non-injurious use of saltpeter."

As soon as the saltpeter investigation is finished other work in connection with nutritive problems will be undertaken.

HILL IN MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 1.—President Hill was here today trying to arrange a compromise rate measure to be submitted to the legislature.

COUNSEL IS CONFIDENT

Lawyers Believe Thaw Will Stand Test.

THAW'S COUNSEL RESTS

Jerome Expresses Opinion That the Defense is Assuming too Much.

JURY MEETS NEXT WEDNESDAY

The States Alienists To Be Heard and A Protracted Affair Is Looked For—Counsel Believes Thaw Will Stand The Test.

NEW YORK, April 2.—An important development in the Court proceedings against Harry M. Thaw is the announcement today by Counsel for the prisoner. The Thaw side rests, so far as further testimony by their side is concerned before the lunacy commission. The defense believes that this will help to bring this particular hearing to a close by Tuesday night that the trial, delayed for more than a week by the movement to determine Thaw's sanity at the present time, can now be immediately resumed. The defense assumes, of course that the commission will find that Thaw is now sane. In fact they are supremely confident of such an outcome basing their opinion on the splendid showing Thaw is said to have made, when questioned before the Commissioners, District Attorney Jerome does not share the opinion of the defense that the commission will conclude its hearing on Tuesday. He said that defense was assuming too much and expressed the belief that several days would elapse before the commission reported. Mr. Jerome believes that the commission will hear his alienists, and he hopes, besides, that the testimony of Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton will be admitted. There is no doubt that the hearing will be prolonged if the State's alienists are allowed to testify as fully as Mr. Jerome wishes them to do, but the defense lawyers believe that they will only be permitted to tell what they think of Thaw's present condition, and facts of the distant past, on which most of their conclusions are based, will be eliminated. Daniel O'Reilly also stated that Dr. Hamilton would not be allowed to testify, and he added that he hoped the whole matter would be ended Tuesday night.

"I do not see why it should not be," concluded Mr. O'Reilly. "There will be a brief session of Justice Fitzgerald's court today but the jury will again be dismissed probably until Wednesday to await the report of the commission."

POSTAL ADVANCES RATES.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Charles P. Bruch, assistant general manager of the Postal Telegraph Company is quoted today as stating that his company has raised its rates, practically to the same basis as that recently announced by the Western Union. The new rates went into effect at midnight, April 1.

RESULTS OF SIGNAL TEST.

Pennsylvania R. R. Conducts Test as to Efficiency of Signal System.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The Pennsylvania road within the last 3 months has held surprise signal tests on its lines in which 97 per cent of the en-

gineers complied absolutely with the company rules in bringing the trains to a stop. The other 3 per cent brought their trains to a stop but after passing the signal. These men were marked deficient and severely disciplined. Of 180 trains tested on the company's main line 87 per cent of the engineers obeyed the rules while on the New York division not a single engineer was caught napping. A total of 3,252 trains were involved in these tests.

NINTH TO GO TO PHILIPPINES

Colored Regiment and Horses to Leave for Insular Possessions.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Twelve hundred horses, valued, it is said at \$250,000, will be shipped to the Philippines on the army transport Dix, which is scheduled to leave this port for Manila the latter part of the week. The horses are intended for the use of the Ninth cavalry, which regiment is to sail for the islands on May 5. The Ninth cavalry is a colored regiment commanded by white officers. It has been stationed for some time past at Fort Riley and Leavenworth in Kansas, and at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

MELBA OFF FOR EUROPE.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Mme. Melba sails for Europe on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, tomorrow.

TRAINMEN RECEDE

Rumored They Will Take Less Than 12 Per Cent.

TO ACCEPT MANAGERS OFFER

Movement of Trainmen is Now in the Other Direction Grand Chiefs Garretson and Morrissey, Refuse To Talk On the New Movement.

CHICAGO, April 1.—The railroads yesterday announced a secret canvass just completed among their employees showing a strong sentiment against calling a big strike and in favor of accepting the wage offer of the roads. The announcement was made to Federal Commissioners who are attempting to bring about a settlement of the dispute. It may have an important bearing on the peace negotiations.

Following this move of the railroads, a report was spread that leaders of the unions were preparing to make several concessions. It was said that the demand for a nine hour day may be abandoned and that the men also may decide to take less than the 13 per cent advance in pay they have demanded. Grand Chief Garretson of the Conductors will not confirm this report. Grand Chief Morrissey, of the Trainmen, refused to declare himself further than to assert "that the situation had not changed materially."

Late dispatches say: The railway employees of the Western railroads have reduced their demands to a nine hour work day and commissioners Knapp and Nell are working hard to overcome that obstacle. They hold an almost continuous today with the managers at roads and representatives of the trainmen and conductors. The men today signified a willingness to accept the wage increase offered by the companies if the managers grant the demand for a nine hour day. The labor delegates declared, the wage increase minor matter but that they would not dare face their constituents without securing the improvements in working conditions. It was learned tonight that the nine hour demand of the firemen was what prevented a settlement of that end of the labor difficulties the western roads are experiencing. While acting separately from conductors and trainmen, the firemen are standing for the same demands, but it is said, in event of a strike they would walk out.